(c) whether it is a fact that Western Coalfields Limited have recently given up old practice of accepting bank guarantee as a financial cover against sponsored or sanctioned quota of consumers; and they now insist on letter of credit by 100 per cent marginal value; and

(d) if so, what is the reason for this change?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Materialisation of rail programme of coal supply to consumers is dependent on supply and loading of wagons. Daily average indent, allotment, wagon supply and loading materialisation in respect of Western Coalfields Ltd. (W. C. L.), in terms of four wheeler wagons for the last three years is given below:—

Year	Ident	Allotment	Supply	Loading/ Materialisation
1988-89	1428	1420	1276	1235
1989-90	1633	1531	1383	1338
1990-91	1894	1888	1650	1476

(b) No, Sir. In fact WCL has been directed recently by the Ministry of Coal that it should satisfy at least 50 per cent of the requirements of non-core sector consumers by rail or by road.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. WCL have informed that they have not stopped the practice of accepting bank guarantees as financial coverage for supply of coal against the sanctioned quota to the consumers.

Privatisation of tourism Industry

*217. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning for a comprehensive privatisation of tourism industry in the country;

(b) if so, what are the salient featues of the scheme;

(c) whether the public sector hotels are also proposed to be given to private management; and

(d) if so, what guidelines have been laid down for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Tourism industry in the country is already substantially in private sector, therefore the question of preparing a comprehensive scheme for its privatisation does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government have yet to take a final decision in this regard.

Loan to Andhra Pradesh State Electricity Board

*218. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has requested the Central